



## West Area Committee

30 January 2023

<b>Title</b>	<b>Petition(s)</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Head of Governance
<b>Wards</b>	Burnt Oak, Edgware, Colindale North, Colindale South, West Hendon, Hendon, Cricklewood, Childs Hill
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Key</b>	No
<b>Enclosures</b>	None
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### Summary

This report informs the West Area Committee of the petition(s) received. The Committee is requested to consider the petition(s) and make a determination on its desired course of action in accordance with its powers.

### Officers Recommendations

1. That the Area Committee notes the petition(s) detailed in section 1.
2. That the Area Committee decides in relation to each petition whether it wishes to:
  - a) Take no action

- b) Refer the matter to a chief officer to provide a written response to the Lead Petitioner within 20 working days; or
- c) Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action

## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The following petitions from Barnet residents have been received prior to the deadline for submission of petitions.

### **Petition: Take Measures to Tackle Antisocial Behaviour in Colindale Area**

**Lead Petitioner/ Resident: Leva Unguryte**

**Ward: Colindale South**

**Number of signatures: 118**

The area around the 'Stay Club' located just next to the underground station is constantly surrounded by loiterers who seem uneasy, dangerous and under the influence of addictive substances. They make not only children, but also adults feel unsafe when travelling home from the station, or even trying to engage in daily activities such as exercise and taking their children to play in the park.

Colindale has a lovely layout which was designed with families and young people living in a safe community. However, violence and crime rates have increased significantly, with recent events such as gang fights and stabbings taking place in the area, leaving our community highly concerned.

We ask Barnet Council for the safety of families living in the area, very concerned members of Colindale community to urgently take action and stop tolerating loiterers and gangs around the area due to constant noise, increasing harassment, violence and crime rates.

### **Petition: Amend CPZ days and times on Garth Road and Cloister Road**

**Lead Petitioner: Stanley Beecham**

**Ward: Childs Hill**

**Number of signatures: 32**

I the undersigned, petition the council to change the days and times of the CPZ restrictions in force on Garth Road and Cloister Road

In 2015 informal parking consultation were made with local residents following numerous complaints regarding problems with parking due to almost daily parties held in the premises of the Palm Hotel (later named Best Western Hotel).

At a council meeting held on 2 July 2015, recommendations were approved to introduce a new CPZ operational between 1pm and 8 pm Monday to Sunday on Garth Road and Cloister Road NW2.

From the outset, the allocated CPZ did little to assist with the parking problems due to the fact that most of the parties were held in the evening ending much later than 8pm.

The Covid pandemic caused the hotel to cease to exist as such, and it now houses refugees therefore annulling the previous parking problems.

This petition is made to request that the CPZ days and times are amended to fall in line with most other surrounding roads namely from Monday to Friday 11am until 12 noon preventing parking by commuters in the neighbourhood but enabling residents and their guests easy access to parking.

**Petition: Enforce Parking Restrictions – Neeld Crescent NW4**

**Lead Petitioner: Belinda Darzy**

**Ward: West Hendon**

**Number of signatures: 25**

Commuters Park cars on this road on a daily basis, in order to use the underground nearby. There are never parking places left for residents and their guests.

-Cars are dumped on our doorsteps and left for months, restricting our vision as we reverse out of our drive in the morning. It is a real hazard, as continuous traffic comes fast through this road to get to the A41 in the morning.

-It is never possible for the council to clean this road, as there are too many dumped cars and commuter cars parked on both sides, which are never moved, for the cleaning to take place.

-There are regular deadly accidents at the bottom of the road, as the cars parked on both sides restrict visibility for commuters driving into and out of the road'!!

-Having road parking restrictions will not restrict the residents from parking at all times, as you may register up to 4 cars, for parking in the restricted bay at all times.

We ask Barnet Council to create parking restrictions along both sides of this road.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.2 The Committee is requested to make a determination in respect of the petition(s) received in accordance with its powers as set out in the Council's Constitution.

**2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 2.1 Not applicable.

### **3. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

3.1 Post decision implementation depends on the decision taken by the Committee.

### **4. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

#### **4.1 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

4.1.1 N/A

#### **4.2 Social Value**

4.2.1 N/A

#### **4.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

4.3.1 Council Constitution, Article 7, Section 7.5 Responsibility for Functions details that the Area Committee has responsibility for all constituency specific matters relating to the street scene including parking, road safety, transport, allotments, parks and trees.

4.3.2 Article 3 of the Council's Constitution, section 3.6 states that where the petition relates to the functions and responsibilities of an Area Committee it will be reported to the relevant Area Committee. The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the committee for petitions with 25-1,999 signatures. For Petitions with over 1,999 signatures the speaker will be given five minutes to present the petition. Following the presentation the Chair and Committee Members have an opportunity to ask the Lead Petitioner questions. After the debate the Committee will decide to:

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#### **4.4 Risk Management**

4.4.1 None in the context of this report.

#### **4.6 Equalities and Diversity**

4.6.1 N/A in the context of this report.

#### **4.7 Corporate Parenting**

4.7.1 None in the context of this report.

#### **4.8 Consultation and Engagement**

4.8.1 N/A

4.9 **Environmental Impact**

4.9.1 N/A

5 **Insight**

5.1 N/A

6 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 Petition submitted via email to Governance Service, prior to deadline for petitions to the Area Committee.